IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MARSHALL DIVISION

TQP development, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 2:11-CV-00249

Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America, et al.

Defendants.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

PLAINTIFF TQP DEVELOPMENT, LLC'S ANSWER TO DEFENDANT STATE FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND COUNTERCLAIMS

Plaintiff, TQP Development, LLC ("TQP"), answers the Counterclaims of Defendant State Farm Mutual Insurance Company ("State Farm") (Dkt. No. 146) filed September 19, 2011, by corresponding paragraph number as follows:

COUNTERCLAIMS

72. To the extent that State Farm purports to incorporate the allegations of its Answer and Affirmative Defenses, such incorporation is improper and requires no response. Subject to the foregoing, TQP denies the merits of State Farm's denials of liability, defenses and affirmative defenses, and TQP denies all averments in State Farm's Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims that are inconsistent with the relief requested by TQP.

THE PARTIES

- 73. Admitted.
- 74. TQP admits that it is a limited liability company with its principle place of business in Marshall, Texas.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 75. TQP admits that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction regarding State Farm's infringement of the asserted patent. TQP admits State Farm seeks declaratory relief. However, TQP denies that State Farm is entitled to such relief. Except as so admitted, TQP denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 75.
- 76. TQP admits that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction regarding State Farm's infringement of the asserted patent. Except as so admitted, TQP denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 76.
 - 77. Admitted.
 - 78. Admitted.
- 79. TQP admits there is a real controversy concerning State Farm's infringement of the asserted patent. Except as so admitted, TQP denies the remaining allegations in paragraph 79.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

(Declaratory Judgment of Non-Infringement)

- 80. To the extent that State farm purports to incorporate the allegations of its Answer, Defenses, and Counterclaims, such incorporation is improper and requires no response. Subject to the foregoing, TQP denies the merits of State Farm's denials of liability, defenses, and affirmative defenses, and TQP denies all averments in State Farm's Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims that are inconsistent with the relief sought by TQP.
 - 81. Denied.
- 82. TQP admits State Farm seeks a judicial determination and declaration that it does not infringe the '730 Patent. However, TQP denies that State Farm is entitled to any such relief.

- 83. TQP admits that State Farm requested this Court declare this case to be exceptional, and award State Farm its reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses. However, TQP denies State Farm is entitled to any such relief.
 - 84. TQP denies that State Farm is entitled to any relief.

SECOND COUNTERCLAIM

(Declaratory Judgment of Invalidity)

- 85. To the extent that State farm purports to incorporate the allegations of its Answer, Defenses, and Counterclaims, such incorporation is improper and requires no response. Subject to the foregoing, TQP denies the merits of State Farm's denials of liability, defenses, and affirmative defenses, and TQP denies all averments in State Farm's Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaims that are inconsistent with the relief sought by TQP.
 - 86. Denied.
- 87. TQP admits State Farm seeks a judicial determination that the claims of the '730 patent are invalid. However, TQP denies that State Farm is entitled to any such relief.
- 88. TQP admits that State Farm requested this Court declare this case to be exceptional, and award State Farm its reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses. However, TQP denies State Farm is entitled to any such relief.
 - 89. TOP denies that State Farm is entitled to any such relief.

PRAY FOR RELIEF

State Farm's Prayer for Relief is an averment to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(d) and is therefore denied.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

State Farm's Jury Demand is an averment to which no responsive pleading is required pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(d) and is therefore denied.

DATED September 28, 2011. Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that all counsel of record who are deemed to have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of this document via the Court's CM/ECF system per Local Rule CV-5(a)(3). Any other counsel of record will be served by electronic mail, facsimile, and/or first class mail on this date

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